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HEART-SOUND DETECTING APPARATUS AND PULSE-WAVE-PROPAGATION-VELOCITY-RELATING-INFORMATION OBTAINING SYSTEM USING THE HEART-

SOUND DETECTING APPARATUS

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- 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 3. An English-language Abstract of JP A 8-257002 is attached hereto.

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